

MAJOR STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (SWMP) FOR TPM 21008

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Storm Water Management Plan For Priority Projects (Major SWMP)

The Major Stormwater Management Plan (Major SWMP) must be completed in its entirety and accompany applications to the County for a permit or approval associated with certain types of development projects. To determine whether your project is required to submit a Major or Minor SWMP, please reference the County's Stormwater Intake Form for Development Projects.

Project Name:	Tentative Parcel Map 21008
Permit Number (Land Development Projects):	TPM 21008, Log No. 06-14-024
Work Authorization Number (CIP only):	
Applicant:	Lorraine and Randy Walls
Applicant's Address:	1455 Harbison Canyon Road, El Cajon, CA 92019
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Revision Date (If applicable):	

The County of San Diego Watershed Protection, Storm Water Management, and Discharge Control Ordinance (WPO) (Ordinance No. 9424) requires all applications for a permit or approval associated with a Land Disturbance Activity to be accompanied by a Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) (section 67.806.b). The purpose of the SWMP is to describe how the project will minimize the short and long-term impacts on receiving water quality. Projects that meet the criteria for a priority development project are required to prepare a Major SWMP.

Since the SWMP is a living document, revisions may be necessary during various stages of approval by the County. Please provide the approval information requested below.

Project Stages	Does the SWMP need revisions?		If YES, Provide Revision Date
	YES	NO	
First Submittal			
Second Submittal	X		March 17, 2009

Instructions for a Major SWMP can be downloaded at <http://www.co.san-diego.ca.us/dpw/stormwater/susmp.html>.

Completion of the following checklists and attachments will fulfill the requirements of a Major SWMP for the project listed above.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Please provide a brief description of the project in the following box. Please include:

- Project Location
- Project Description
- Physical Features (Topography)
- Surrounding Land Use
- Proposed Project Land Use
- Location of dry weather flows (year-round flows in streams, or creeks) within project limits, if applicable.

Tentative Parcel Map 21008 is located east of Harbison Canyon Road approximately 1 mile north of Dehesa Road. The project proposes to divide the three existing parcels (72.25 acres total) into four parcels and a remainder parcel. A single, private access road will be constructed to serve each parcel. TPM 21008 shows grading for the access road, private driveways, and rural residential lots. Harbison Canyon Creek flows in a southerly direction along the westerly portion of the site. The proposed access road will cross over Harbison Canyon Creek.

The topography at the site is defined by Harbison Canyon Creek and the adjacent hillside areas. The creek is relatively narrow and steep, which is characteristic of a mountain stream. A natural, west-facing hillside rises several hundred feet above the easterly side of the creek. In addition, a natural, east-facing hillside rises (approximately 100 foot average vertical rise) above the westerly side of the creek to Harbison Canyon Road.

The surrounding land uses include both undisturbed natural areas and rural residential development. The proposed project land use will be rural residential development.

Since the area tributary to the site contains primarily natural hillsides with some rural residential development, the majority of the site is not impacted by dry weather flows. If dry weather flows occur, the primary source will be along Harbison Canyon Creek. However, no flow was evident in the creek during a past site visit.

PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT DETERMINATION

Please check the box that best describes the project. Does the project meet one of the following criteria?

Table 1

PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT	YES	NO
Redevelopment that creates or adds at least 5,000 net square feet of additional impervious surface area	X	
Residential development of more than 10 units		X
Commercial developments with a land area for development of greater than 1 acre		X
Heavy industrial development with a land area for development of greater than 1 acre		X
Automotive repair shop(s)		X
Restaurants, where the land area for development is greater than 5,000 square feet		X
Hillside development, in an area with known erosive soil conditions, where there will be grading on any natural slope that is twenty-five percent or greater, if the development creates 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface		X
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA): All development located within or directly adjacent to or discharging directly to an ESA (where discharges from the development or redevelopment will enter receiving waters within the ESA), which either creates 2,500 square feet of impervious surface on a proposed project site or increases the area of imperviousness of a proposed project site to 10% or more of its naturally occurring condition. "Directly adjacent" means situated within 200 feet of the ESA. "Discharging directly to" means outflow from a drainage conveyance system that is composed entirely of flows from the subject development or redevelopment site, and not commingled with flows from adjacent lands.	X	
Parking Lots 5,000 square feet or more or with 15 parking spaces or more and potentially exposed to urban runoff		X
Streets, roads, highways, and freeways which would create a new paved surface that is 5,000 square feet or greater	X	
Retail Gasoline Outlets (RGO) that meet the following criteria: (a) 5,000 square feet or more or (b) a projected Average Daily Traffic (ADT) of 100 or more vehicles per day.		X

Limited Exclusion: Trenching and resurfacing work associated with utility projects are not considered Priority Development Projects. Parking lots, buildings and other structures associated with utility projects are subject to the WPO requirements if one or more of the criteria above are met.

If you answered **NO** to all the questions, then **STOP**. Please complete a Minor SWMP for your project.

If you answered **YES** to any of the questions, please continue.

HYDROMODIFICATION DETERMINATION

The following questions provide a guide to collecting information relevant to hydromodification management issues.

Table 2

	QUESTIONS	YES	NO	Information
1.	Will the proposed project disturb 50 or more acres of land? (Including all phases of development)		X	If YES, continue to 2. If NO, go to 6.
2.	Would the project site discharge directly into channels that are concrete-lined or significantly hardened such as with rip-rap, sackcrete, etc, downstream to their outfall into bays or the ocean?			If NO, continue to 3. If YES, go to 6.
3.	Would the project site discharge directly into underground storm drains discharging directly to bays or the ocean?			If NO, continue to 4. If YES, go to 6.
4.	Would the project site discharge directly to a channel (lined or un-lined) and the combined impervious surfaces downstream from the project site to discharge at the ocean or bay are 70% or greater?			If NO, continue to 5. If YES, go to 6.
5.	Project is required to manage hydromodification impacts.			Hydromodification Management Required as described in Section 67.812 b(4) of the WPO.
6.	Project is not required to manage hydromodification impacts.		X	Hydromodification Exempt. Keep on file.

The “No” response to Item 6 indicates that the project is not subject to hydromodification, i.e., it is exempt.

An exemption is potentially available for projects that are required (No. 5. in Table 2 above) to manage hydromodification impacts: The project proponent may conduct an independent geomorphic study to determine the project’s full hydromodification impact. The study must incorporate sediment transport modeling across the range of geomorphically significant flows and demonstrate to the County’s satisfaction that the project flows and sediment reductions will not detrimentally affect the receiving water to qualify for the exemption.

STORMWATER QUALITY DETERMINATION

The following questions provide a guide to collecting information relevant to project stormwater quality issues. Please provide the following information in a printed report accompanying this form.

Table 3

	QUESTIONS	COMPLETED	NA
1.	Describe the topography of the project area.	X	
2.	Describe the local land use within the project area and adjacent areas.	X	
3.	Evaluate the presence of dry weather flow.	X	
4.	Determine the receiving waters that may be affected by the project throughout all phases of development (i.e., construction, maintenance and operation).	X	
5.	For the project limits, list the 303(d) impaired receiving water bodies and their constituents of concern.	X	
6.	Determine if there are any High Risk Areas (which is defined by the presence of municipal or domestic water supply reservoirs or groundwater percolation facilities) within the project limits.		X
7.	Determine the Regional Board special requirements, including TMDLs, effluent limits, etc.	X	
8.	Determine the general climate of the project area. Identify annual rainfall and rainfall intensity curves.	X	
9.	If considering Treatment BMPs, determine the soil classification, permeability, erodibility, and depth to groundwater.	X	
10.	Determine contaminated or hazardous soils within the project area.	X	
11.	Determine if this project is within the environmentally sensitive areas as defined in Appendix A of the County SUSMP.	X	
12.	Determine if this is an emergency project.		X

The response form is provided at the end of the text and before the appendices.

TREATMENT BMPs DETERMINATION

Complete the checklist below to determine if Treatment Best Management Practices (BMPs) are required for the project.

Table 4

No.	CRITERIA	YES	NO	INFORMATION
1.	Is this an emergency project		X	If YES, go to 6. If NO, continue to 2.
2.	Have TMDLs been established for surface waters within the project limit?		X	If YES, go to 5. If NO, continue to 3.
3.	Will the project directly discharge to a 303(d) impaired receiving water body?		X	If YES, go to 5. If NO, continue to 4.
4.	Is this project within the environmentally sensitive areas as defined on the maps in Appendix A of the <i>County of San Diego Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan for Land Development and Public Improvement Projects</i> ?	X		If YES, continue to 5. If NO, go to 6.
5.	Provide Treatment BMPs for the project.	X		If YES, go to 7.
6.	Project is not required to provide Treatment BMPs			Document for Project Files by referencing this checklist.
7.	End	X		

Now that the need for a treatment BMPs has been determined, other information is required to complete the SWMP.

WATERSHED

Please check the watershed(s) for the project.

<input type="checkbox"/> San Juan 901	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Margarita 902	<input type="checkbox"/> San Luis Rey 903	<input type="checkbox"/> Carlsbad 904
<input type="checkbox"/> San Dieguito 905	<input type="checkbox"/> Penasquitos 906	<input type="checkbox"/> San Diego 907	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sweetwater 909
<input type="checkbox"/> Otay 910	<input type="checkbox"/> Tijuana 911	<input type="checkbox"/> Whitewater 719	<input type="checkbox"/> Clark 720
<input type="checkbox"/> West Salton 721	<input type="checkbox"/> Anza Borrego 722	<input type="checkbox"/> Imperial 723	

Please provide the hydrologic sub-area and number(s)

Number	Name
909.23	Dehesa Hydrologic Subarea

Please provide the beneficial uses for Inland Surface Waters and Ground Waters. Beneficial Uses can be obtained from the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin, which is available at the Regional Board office or at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9/programs/basinplan.html>.

SURFACE WATERS	Hydrologic Unit Basin Number	MUN	AGR	IND	PROC	GWR	FRESH	POW	REC1	REC2	BIOL	WARM	COLD	WILD	RARE	SPWN
Inland Surface Waters																
	909.23	X	X	X	X				X	X		X		X		
Ground Waters																
	909.23															

* **Excepted from Municipal**

X Existing Beneficial Use

0 Potential Beneficial Use

POLLUTANTS OF CONCERN

Using Table 5, identify pollutants that are anticipated to be generated from the proposed priority project categories. Pollutants associated with any hazardous material sites that have been remediated or are not threatened by the proposed project are not considered a pollutant of concern.

Table 5. Anticipated and Potential Pollutants Generated by Land Use Type

PDP Categories	General Pollutant Categories								
	Sediments	Nutrients	Heavy Metals	Organic Compounds	Trash & Debris	Oxygen Demanding Substances	Oil & Grease	Bacteria & Viruses	Pesticides
Detached Residential Development	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
Attached Residential Development	X	X			X	P ⁽¹⁾	P ⁽²⁾	P	X
Commercial Development 1 acre or greater	P ⁽¹⁾	P ⁽¹⁾		P ⁽²⁾	X	P ⁽⁵⁾	X	P ⁽³⁾	P ⁽⁵⁾
Heavy industry /industrial development	X		X	X	X	X	X		
Automotive Repair Shops			X	X ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	X		X		
Restaurants					X	X	X	X	
Hillside Development >5,000 ft ²	X	X			X	X	X		X
Parking Lots	P ⁽¹⁾	P ⁽¹⁾	X		X	P ⁽¹⁾	X		P ⁽¹⁾
Retail Gasoline Outlets			X	X	X	X	X		
Streets, Highways & Freeways	X	P ⁽¹⁾	X	X ⁽⁴⁾	X	P ⁽⁵⁾	X		

X = anticipated

P = potential

(1) A potential pollutant if landscaping exists on-site.

(2) A potential pollutant if the project includes uncovered parking areas.

(3) A potential pollutant if land use involves food or animal waste products.

(4) Including petroleum hydrocarbons.

(5) Including solvents.

Note: If other monitoring data that is relevant to the project is available. Please include as Attachment C.

CONSTRUCTION BMPs

Please check the construction BMPs that may be implemented during construction of the project. The applicant will be responsible for the placement and maintenance of the BMPs incorporated into the final project design.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Silt Fence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Desilting Basin |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fiber Rolls | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gravel Bag Berm |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Street Sweeping and Vacuuming | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandbag Barrier |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Storm Drain Inlet Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Material Delivery and Storage |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stockpile Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Spill Prevention and Control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Waste Management |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stabilized Construction Entrance/Exit | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Conservation Practices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dewatering Operations | <input type="checkbox"/> Paving and Grinding Operations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any minor slopes created incidental to construction and not subject to a major or minor grading permit shall be protected by covering with plastic or tarp prior to a rain event, and shall have vegetative cover reestablished within 180 days of completion of the slope and prior to final building approval. | |

EXCEPTIONAL THREAT TO WATER QUALITY DETERMINATION

Complete the checklist below to determine if a proposed project will pose an “exceptional threat to water quality,” and therefore require Advanced Treatment Best Management Practices.

Table 6

N o.	CRITERIA	YES	NO	INFORMATION
1.	Is all or part of the proposed project site within 200 feet of waters named on the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d) list of Water Quality Limited Segments as impaired for sedimentation and/or turbidity? Current 303d list may be obtained from the following site: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/tmdl/docs/303dlists2006/approved/r9_06_303d_reqtmdls.pdf		X	If YES, continue to 2. If NO, go to 5.
2.	Will the project disturb more than 5 acres, including all phases of the development?	X		If YES, continue to 3. If NO, go to 5.
3.	Will the project disturb slopes that are steeper than 4:1 (horizontal: vertical) with at least 10 feet of relief, and that drain toward the 303(d) listed receiving water for sedimentation and/or turbidity?		X	If YES, continue to 4. If NO, go to 5.
4.	Will the project disturb soils with a predominance of USDA-NRCS Erosion factors k_f greater than or equal to 0.4?			If YES, continue to 6. If NO, go to 5.
5.	Project is not required to use Advanced Treatment BMPs.		X	Document for Project Files by referencing this checklist.
6.	Project poses an “exceptional threat to water quality” and is required to use Advanced Treatment BMPs.			Advanced Treatment BMPs must be consistent with WPO section 67.811(b)(20)(D) performance criteria

Exemption potentially available for projects that require advanced treatment: Project proponent may perform a Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation, Version 2 (RUSLE 2), Modified Universal Soil Loss Equation (MUSLE), or similar analysis that shows to the County official’s satisfaction that advanced treatment is not required

Now that the need for treatment BMPs has been determined, other information is needed to complete the SWMP.

SITE DESIGN

To minimize stormwater impacts, site design measures must be addressed. The following checklist provides options for avoiding or reducing potential impacts during project planning. If YES is checked, it is assumed that the measure was used for this project.

Table 7

	OPTIONS	YES	NO	N/A
1.	Has the project been located and road improvements aligned to avoid or minimize impacts to receiving waters or to increase the preservation of critical (or problematic) areas such as floodplains, steep slopes, wetlands, and areas with erosive or unstable soil conditions?	X		
2.	Is the project designed to minimize impervious footprint?	X		
3.	Is the project conserving natural areas where feasible?	X		
4.	Where landscape is proposed, are rooftops, impervious sidewalks, walkways, trails and patios be drained into adjacent landscaping?	X		
5.	For roadway projects, are structures and bridges be designed or located to reduce work in live streams and minimize construction impacts?	X		
6.	Can any of the following methods be utilized to minimize erosion from slopes:	X		
	6.a. Disturbing existing slopes only when necessary?	X		
	6.b. Minimize cut and fill areas to reduce slope lengths?	X		
	6.c. Incorporating retaining walls to reduce steepness of slopes or to shorten slopes?		X	
	6.d. Providing benches or terraces on high cut and fill slopes to reduce concentration of flows?		X	
	6.e. Rounding and shaping slopes to reduce concentrated flow?	X		
	6.f. Collecting concentrated flows in stabilized drains and channels?	X		

LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID)

Each numbered item below is a LID requirement of the WPO. Please check the box(s) under each number that best describes the Low Impact Development BMP(s) selected for this project.

Table 8

1.	Conserve natural Areas, Soils, and Vegetation-County LID Handbook 2.2.1
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preserve well draining soils (Type A or B)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preserve Significant Trees
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other. Description:
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Not feasible. State Reason:
2.	Minimize Disturbance to Natural Drainages-County LID Handbook 2.2.2
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Set-back development envelope from drainages
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restrict heavy construction equipment access to planned green/open space areas.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other. Description:
	<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Not feasible. State Reason:
3.	Minimize and Disconnect Impervious Surfaces (see 5) -County LID Handbook 2.2.3
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clustered Lot Design
	<input type="checkbox"/> Items checked in 5?
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Description: The project is a rural residential development. Therefore, disconnected impervious surfaces will occur.
	<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Not feasible. State Reason:
4.	Minimize Soil Compaction-County LID Handbook 2.2.4
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restrict heavy construction equipment access to planned green/open space areas
	<input type="checkbox"/> Re-till soils compacted by construction vehicles/equipment
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collect & re-use upper soil layers of development site containing organic Materials
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other. Description:
	4. Not feasible. State Reason:
5.	Drain Runoff from Impervious Surfaces to Pervious Areas-County LID Handbook 2.2.5

LID Street & Road Design	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Curb-cuts to landscaping
X	Rural Swales
<input type="checkbox"/>	Concave Median
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cul-de-sac Landscaping Design
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other. Description:
LID Parking Lot Design	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Permeable Pavements
<input type="checkbox"/>	Curb-cuts to landscaping
X	Other. Description: The project does not propose parking lots.
LID Driveway, Sidewalk, Bike-path Design	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Permeable Pavements
X	Pitch pavements toward landscaping
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other. Description:
LID Building Design – N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cisterns & Rain Barrels
<input type="checkbox"/>	Downspout to swale
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vegetated Roofs
X	Other. Description: No buildings are proposed.
LID Landscaping Design	
X	Soil Amendments
X	Reuse of Native Soils
X	Smart Irrigation Systems
<input type="checkbox"/>	Street Trees
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other. Description:
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Not feasible. State Reason:	

CHANNELS & DRAINAGES

Complete the following checklist to determine if the project includes work in channels.

Table 9

No.	CRITERIA	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
1.	Will the project include work in channels?	X			If YES go to 2 If NO go to 13.
2.	Will the project increase velocity or volume of downstream flow?	X			If YES go to 6.
3.	Will the project discharge to unlined channels?				If YES go to 6.
4.	Will the project increase potential sediment load of downstream flow?				If YES go to 6.
5.	Will the project encroach, cross, realign, or cause other hydraulic changes to a stream that may affect downstream channel stability?				If YES go to 8.
6.	Review channel lining materials and design for stream bank erosion.	X			Continue to 7.
7.	Consider channel erosion control measures within the project limits as well as downstream. Consider scour velocity.	X			Continue to 8.
8.	Include, where appropriate, energy dissipation devices at culverts.	X			Continue to 9.
9.	Ensure all transitions between culvert outlets/headwalls/wingwalls and channels are smooth to reduce turbulence and scour.	X			Continue to 10.
10.	Include, if appropriate, detention facilities to reduce peak discharges.			X	
11.	“Hardening” natural downstream areas to prevent erosion is not an acceptable technique for protecting channel slopes, unless pre-development conditions are determined to be so erosive that hardening would be required even in the absence of the proposed development.			X	Continue to 12.
12.	Provide other design principles that are comparable and equally effective.	X			Continue to 13.
13.	End	X			

SOURCE CONTROL

Please complete the following checklist for Source Control BMPs. If the BMP is not applicable for this project, then check N/A only at the main category.

Table 10

BMP			YES	NO	N/A
1.	Provide Storm Drain System Stenciling and Signage				
	1.a.	All storm drain inlets and catch basins within the project area shall have a stencil or tile placed with prohibitive language (such as: “NO DUMPING – DRAINS TO _____”) and/or graphical icons to discourage illegal dumping.	X		
	1.b.	Signs and prohibitive language and/or graphical icons, which prohibit illegal dumping, must be posted at public access points along channels and creeks within the project area.	X		
2.	Design Outdoors Material Storage Areas to Reduce Pollution Introduction				
	2.a.	This is a detached single-family residential project. Therefore, personal storage areas are exempt from this requirement.	X		
	2.b.	Hazardous materials with the potential to contaminate urban runoff shall either be: (1) placed in an enclosure such as, but not limited to, a cabinet, shed, or similar structure that prevents contact with runoff or spillage to the storm water conveyance system; or (2) protected by secondary containment structures such as berms, dikes, or curbs.			X
	2.c.	The storage area shall be paved and sufficiently impervious to contain leaks and spills.			X
	2.d.	The storage area shall have a roof or awning to minimize direct precipitation within the secondary containment area.			X
3.	Design Trash Storage Areas to Reduce Pollution Introduction				
	3.a.	Paved with an impervious surface, designed not to allow run-on from adjoining areas, screened or walled to prevent off-site transport of trash; or,			X
	3.b.	Provide attached lids on all trash containers that exclude rain, or roof or awning to minimize direct precipitation.			X
4.	Use Efficient Irrigation Systems & Landscape Design				
	The following methods to reduce excessive irrigation runoff shall be considered, and incorporated and implemented where determined applicable and feasible.				
	4.a.	Employing rain shutoff devices to prevent irrigation after precipitation.	X		
	4.b.	Designing irrigation systems to each landscape area’s specific water requirements.	X		
	4.c.	Using flow reducers or shutoff valves triggered by a pressure drop to control water loss in the event of broken sprinkler heads or lines.	X		
	4.d.	Employing other comparable, equally effective, methods to reduce irrigation water runoff.	X		
5.	Private Roads				
	The design of private roadway drainage shall use at least one of the following				
	5.a.	Rural swale system: street sheet flows to vegetated swale or gravel shoulder, curbs at street corners, culverts under driveways and street crossings.	X		

BMP			YES	NO	N/A
	5.b.	Urban curb/swale system: street slopes to curb, periodic swale inlets drain to vegetated swale/biofilter.			X
	5.c.	Dual drainage system: First flush captured in street catch basins and discharged to adjacent vegetated swale or gravel shoulder, high flows connect directly to storm water conveyance system.		X	
	5.d.	Other methods that are comparable and equally effective within the project.	X		
6.	Residential Driveways & Guest Parking				
	The design of driveways and private residential parking areas shall use one at least of the following features.				
	6.a.	Design driveways with shared access, flared (single lane at street) or wheelstrips (paving only under tires); or, drain into landscaping prior to discharging to the storm water conveyance system.	X		
	6.b.	Uncovered temporary or guest parking on private residential lots may be: paved with a permeable surface; or, designed to drain into landscaping prior to discharging to the storm water conveyance system.	X		
	6.c.	Other features which are comparable and equally effective.			X
7.	Dock Areas				
	Loading/unloading dock areas shall include the following.				X
	7.a.	Cover loading dock areas, or design drainage to preclude urban run-on and runoff.			X
	7.b.	Direct connections to storm drains from depressed loading docks (truck wells) are prohibited.			X
	7.c.	Other features which are comparable and equally effective.			X
8.	Maintenance Bays				
	Maintenance bays shall include the following.				X
	8.a.	Repair/maintenance bays shall be indoors; or, designed to preclude urban run-on and runoff.			X
	8.b.	Design a repair/maintenance bay drainage system to capture all wash water, leaks and spills. Connect drains to a sump for collection and disposal. Direct connection of the repair/maintenance bays to the storm drain system is prohibited. If required by local jurisdiction, obtain an Industrial Waste Discharge Permit.			X
	8.c.	Other features which are comparable and equally effective.			X
9.	Vehicle Wash Areas				
	Priority projects that include areas for washing/steam cleaning of vehicles shall use the following.				
	9.a.	Self-contained; or covered with a roof or overhang.			X
	9.b.	Equipped with a clarifier or other pretreatment facility.			X
	9.c.	Properly connected to a sanitary sewer.			X
	9.d.	Other features which are comparable and equally effective.			X
10.	Outdoor Processing Areas				
	Outdoor process equipment operations, such as rock grinding or crushing, painting or coating, grinding or sanding, degreasing or parts cleaning, waste piles, and wastewater and solid waste treatment and disposal, and other operations determined to be a potential threat to water quality by the County shall adhere to the following requirements.				X

BMP			YES	NO	N/A
	10.a.	Cover or enclose areas that would be the most significant source of pollutants; or, slope the area toward a dead-end sump; or, discharge to the sanitary sewer system following appropriate treatment in accordance with conditions established by the applicable sewer agency.			X
	10.b.	Grade or berm area to prevent run-on from surrounding areas.			X
	10.c.	Installation of storm drains in areas of equipment repair is prohibited.			X
	10.d.	Other features which are comparable or equally effective.			X
11.	Equipment Wash Areas				
	Outdoor equipment/accessory washing and steam cleaning activities shall be.				
	11.a.	Be self-contained; or covered with a roof or overhang.			X
	11.b.	Be equipped with a clarifier, grease trap or other pretreatment facility, as appropriate			X
	11.c.	Be properly connected to a sanitary sewer.			X
	11.d.	Other features which are comparable or equally effective.			X
12.	Parking Areas				
	The following design concepts shall be considered, and incorporated and implemented where determined applicable and feasible by the County.				
	12.a.	Where landscaping is proposed in parking areas, incorporate landscape areas into the drainage design.			X
	12.b.	Overflow parking (parking stalls provided in excess of the County's minimum parking requirements) may be constructed with permeable paving.			X
	12.c.	Other design concepts that are comparable and equally effective.			X
13.	Fueling Area				
	Non-retail fuel dispensing areas shall contain the following.				X
	13.a.	Overhanging roof structure or canopy. The cover's minimum dimensions must be equal to or greater than the area within the grade break. The cover must not drain onto the fuel dispensing area and the downspouts must be routed to prevent drainage across the fueling area. The fueling area shall drain to the project's treatment control BMP(s) prior to discharging to the storm water conveyance system.			X
	13.b.	Paved with Portland cement concrete (or equivalent smooth impervious surface). The use of asphalt concrete shall be prohibited.			X
	13.c.	Have an appropriate slope to prevent ponding, and must be separated from the rest of the site by a grade break that prevents run-on of urban runoff.			X
	13.d.	At a minimum, the concrete fuel dispensing area must extend 6.5 feet (2.0 meters) from the corner of each fuel dispenser, or the length at which the hose and nozzle assembly may be operated plus 1 foot (0.3 meter), whichever is less.			X

Please list other project specific Source Control BMPs in the following box. Write N/A if there are none.

N/A

TREATMENT CONTROL

To select a structural treatment BMP using Treatment Control BMP Selection Matrix (Table 11), each priority project shall compare the list of pollutants for which the downstream receiving waters are impaired (if any), with the pollutants anticipated to be generated by the project (as identified in Table 5). Any pollutants identified by Table 5, which are also causing a Clean Water Act section 303(d) impairment of the receiving waters of the project, shall be considered primary pollutants of concern. Priority projects that are anticipated to generate a primary pollutant of concern shall select a single or combination of stormwater BMPs from Table 11, which **maximizes pollutant removal** for the particular primary pollutant(s) of concern.

Priority development projects that are **not** anticipated to generate a pollutant for which the receiving water is CWA 303(d) impaired shall select a single or combination of stormwater BMPs from Table 11, which are effective for pollutant removal of the identified secondary pollutants of concern, consistent with the “maximum extent practicable” standard.

Table 11. Treatment Control BMP Selection Matrix

Pollutants of Concern	Bioretention Facilities (LID)*	Settling Basins (Dry Ponds)	Wet Ponds and Wetlands	Infiltration Facilities or Practices (LID)*	Media Filters	High-rate biofilters	High-rate media filters	Trash Racks & Hydro-dynamic Devices
Coarse Sediment and Trash	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High
Pollutants that tend to associate with fine particles during treatment	High	High	High	High	High	Medium	Medium	Low
Pollutants that tend to be dissolved following treatment	Medium	Low	Medium	High	Low	Low	Low	Low

*Additional information is available in the County of San Diego LID Handbook.

NOTES ON POLLUTANTS OF CONCERN:

In Table 12, Pollutants of Concern are grouped as gross pollutants, pollutants that tend to associate with fine particles, and pollutants that remain dissolved.

Table 12

Pollutant	Coarse Sediment and Trash	Pollutants that tend to associate with fine particles during treatment	Pollutants that tend to be dissolved following treatment
Sediment	X	X	
Nutrients		X	X
Heavy Metals		X	
Organic Compounds		X	
Trash & Debris	X		
Oxygen Demanding		X	
Bacteria		X	
Oil & Grease		X	
Pesticides		X	

A Treatment BMP must address runoff from developed areas. Please provide the post-construction water quality values for the project. Label outfalls on the BMP map. The Water Quality peak rate of discharge flow (Q_{WQ}) and the Water Quality storage volume (V_{WQ}) is dependent on the type of treatment BMP selected for the project.

Outfall	Tributary Area (acres)	Q_{WQ} (cfs)	V_{WQ} (ft ³)
West	1.25	$CIA = (0.32)(0.2)(1.25) = 0.1$	N/A
East	10.61	$CIA = (0.30)(0.2)(10.61) = 0.6$	N/A

Note: $Q_{WQ} = \text{runoff coefficient} \times \text{rainfall intensity (0.2 in/hr)} \times \text{tributary area} = CIA$
 Use average average runoff coefficient from drainage study
 Tributary area reflects project footprint

Please check the box(s) that best describes the Treatment BMP(s) selected for this project.

Biofilters
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bioretention swale
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetated filter strip / bio-filter swale
<input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater Planter Box (open-bottomed)
<input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater Flow-Through Planter (sealed bottom)
<input type="checkbox"/> Bioretention Area
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetated Roofs/Modules/Walls
Detention Basins
<input type="checkbox"/> Extended/dry detention basin with grass/vegetated lining
<input type="checkbox"/> Extended/dry detention basin with impervious lining
Infiltration Basins
<input type="checkbox"/> Infiltration basin
<input type="checkbox"/> Infiltration trench
<input type="checkbox"/> Dry well
<input type="checkbox"/> Permeable Paving
<input type="checkbox"/> Gravel
<input type="checkbox"/> Permeable asphalt
<input type="checkbox"/> Pervious concrete
<input type="checkbox"/> Unit pavers, ungrouted, set on sand or gravel
<input type="checkbox"/> Subsurface reservoir bed
Wet Ponds or Wetlands
<input type="checkbox"/> Wet pond/basin (permanent pool)
<input type="checkbox"/> Constructed wetland
Filtration
<input type="checkbox"/> Media filtration
<input type="checkbox"/> Sand filtration
Hydrodynamic Separator Systems
<input type="checkbox"/> Swirl Concentrator
<input type="checkbox"/> Cyclone Separator
Trash Racks and Screens

Include Treatment Datasheet as Attachment E. The datasheet should include the following:	COMPLETED	NO
1. Description of how treatment BMP was designed. Provide a description for each type of treatment BMP.	X	
2. Engineering calculations for the BMP(s)	X	

Please describe why the selected treatment BMP(s) was selected for this project. For projects utilizing a low performing BMP, please provide a detailed explanation.

The project does not discharge directly to a 303(d) water body; therefore, the project pollutants are secondary pollutants. The pollutants anticipated from the site according to Table 5 are sediments, nutrients, heavy metals, organic compounds, trash & debris, oxygen demanding substances, oil & grease, bacteria & viruses, and pesticides. These are pollutants that tend to associate with fine particles except for trash & debris, which are categorized as coarse sediment and trash. Bio-filters were selected for the site because they provide high removal efficiency for these pollutants (see bioretention facilities in Table 11). Bio-filters can be provided in the individual lots and also at the discharge point from the private access road.

MAINTENANCE

Please check the box that best describes the maintenance mechanism(s) for this project. Guidelines for each category are located in Chapter 5, Section 5.2 of the County SUSMP.

CATEGORY	SELECTED	
	YES	NO
First	X	
Second ¹		X
Third ¹		X
Fourth		X

Note:

1. Projects in Category 2 or 3 may choose to establish or be included in a Stormwater Maintenance Assessment District for the long-term maintenance of treatment BMPs.

ATTACHMENTS

Please include the following attachments.

ATTACHMENT		COMPLETED	N/A
A	Project Location Map	X	
B	Site Map	X	
C	Relevant Monitoring Data		X
D	LID and Treatment BMP Location Map	X	
E	Treatment BMP Datasheets	X	
F	Operation and Maintenance Program for Treatment BMPs	X	
G	Fiscal Resources	X	
H	Certification Sheet	X	
I	Addendum		X

Note: Attachments A and B may be combined.

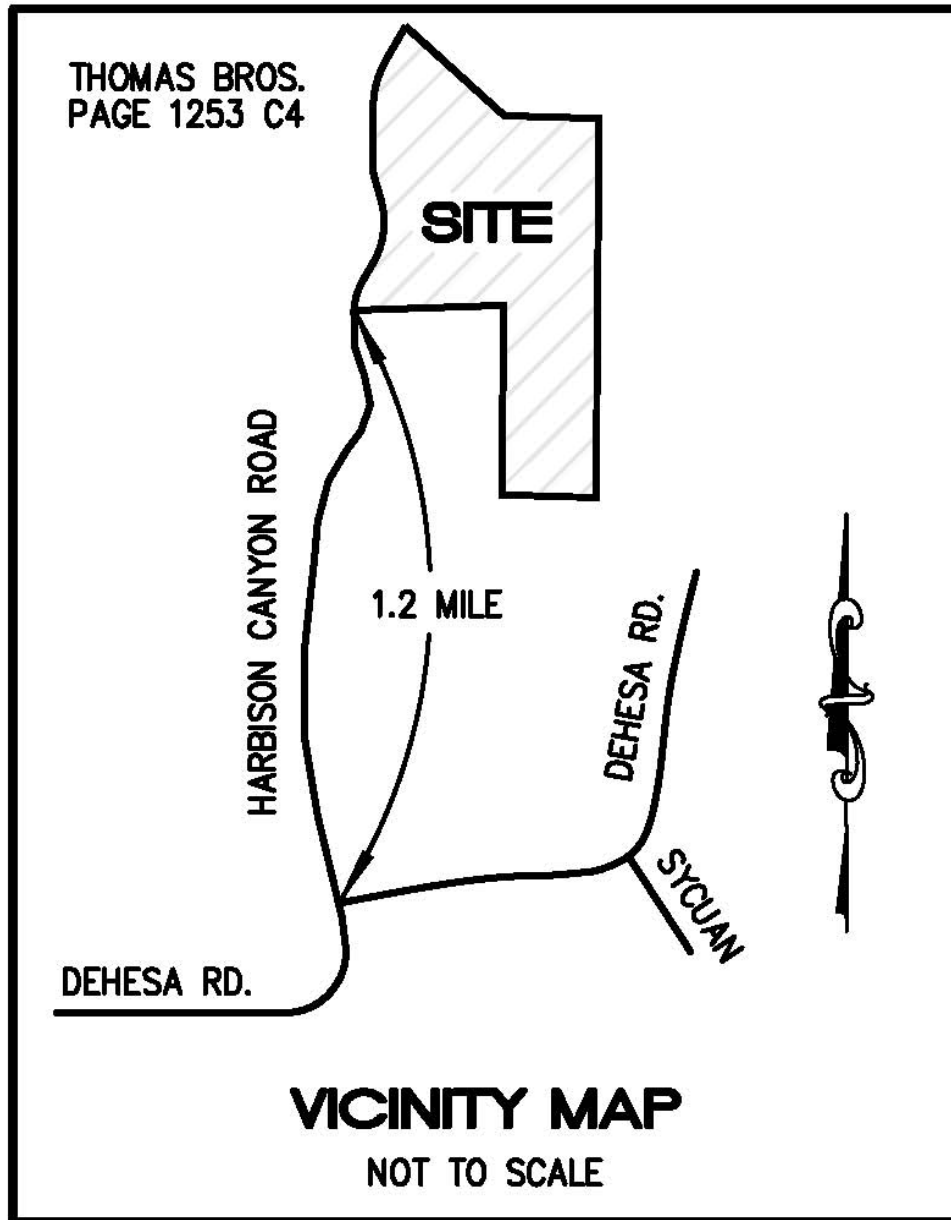
SUMMARY

The following responds to the items on Table 3 of the SWMP.

1. The site is located along a watercourse, Harbison Canyon Creek. The creek is relatively narrow and steep, which is characteristic of a mountain stream. A natural, west-facing hillside rises several hundred feet above the easterly side of the creek. In addition, a natural, east-facing hillside rises (approximately 100 foot average vertical rise) above the westerly side of the creek to Harbison Canyon Road.
2. The surrounding land uses include Harbison Canyon Road to the west as well as natural and rural residential development in the project vicinity.
3. Since the area tributary to the site contains primarily natural hillsides with some rural residential development, the majority of the site is not impacted by dry weather flows. If dry weather flows occur, the primary source will be along Harbison Canyon Creek. However, no flow was evident in the creek during a past site visit.
4. Surface runoff from the site will be collected by Harbison Canyon Creek, which flows in a southerly direction near the westerly portion of the site.
5. There are no 303(d) impaired water bodies within the project limits or near the project vicinity according to the June 28, 2007 list.
6. There are no municipal or domestic water supply reservoirs or groundwater facilities within the project limits.
7. The Regional Board does not have special requirements (TMDLs, effluent limits, etc.) for the project site or its immediate receiving water body.
8. The climate in the project area is semi-arid. According to the National Weather Service's "Average Annual Precipitation" graphic for Southern California, the average annual precipitation at the site is approximately 15 inches. The 100-year, 6- and 24-hour rainfall values from the County of San Diego *Hydrology Manual* are 2.9 and 6.2 inches, respectively.
9. Bio-filters will provide treatment control for the project's pollutants, which are secondary pollutants. The swales will be designed based on the underlying soil properties during final design.
10. There are no known contaminated or hazardous soils with the project area.
11. The project is within an environmentally sensitive area as defined by the County of San Diego.
12. The project is not an emergency project.

ATTACHMENT A

PROJECT LOCATION MAP



ATTACHMENT B

SITE MAP

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SITE

HARBISON CANYON ROAD

1.2 MILE

DEHESA RD.

SYCAMO

DEHESA RD.

VICINITY MAP

NOT TO SCALE

A PORTION OF SECTIONS 1, AND 2 OF TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH,
RANGE 1 EAST, SAN BERNARDINO BASE AND MERIDIAN, IN
THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

510-020-12, 510-031-06, AND 510-041-17

SEWER: SEPTIC
WATER: PADRE DAM MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
10887 WOODSIDE AVENUE
SANTEE, CA 92072
PHONE: 619-448-3111

FIRE: RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
14145 HIGHWAY 94
JAMUL, CA 91935
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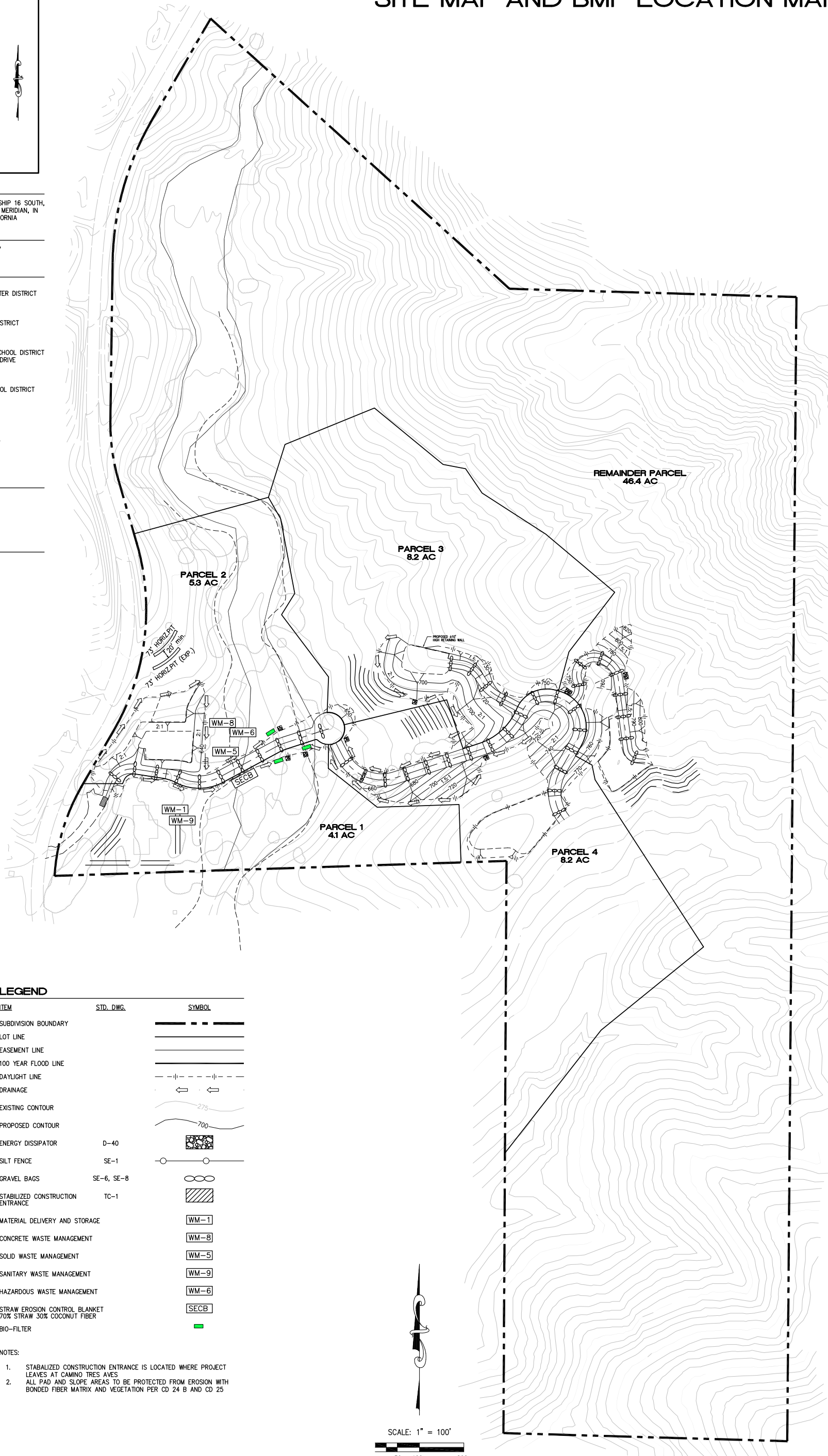
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5500 GROSSMONT CENTER DRIVE
LA MESA, CA 91942
PHONE: 619-469-0131

DEHESA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
4612 DEHESA ROAD
EL CAJON, CA 92019
PHONE: 619-444-2161

PROVIDED BY TOWILL, INC. FLOWN IN 2003
AT A 10-FOOT CONTOUR INTERVAL

WALLS FAMILY TRUST
1455 HARBISON CANYON ROAD
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PHONE: 619-445-5472

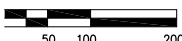
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ITEM	STD. DWG.	SYMBOL
SUBDIVISION BOUNDARY		
LOT LINE		
EASEMENT LINE		
100 YEAR FLOOD LINE		
DAYLIGHT LINE		
DRAINAGE		
EXISTING CONTOUR		
PROPOSED CONTOUR		
ENERGY DISSIPATOR	D-40	
SILT FENCE	SE-1	
GRAVEL BAGS	SE-6, SE-8	
STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE	TC-1	
MATERIAL DELIVERY AND STORAGE		
CONCRETE WASTE MANAGEMENT		
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT		
SANITARY WASTE MANAGEMENT		
HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT		
STRAW EROSION CONTROL BLANKET		
70% STRAW 30% COCONUT FIBER		
BIO-FILTER		

1. STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE IS LOCATED WHERE PROJECT LEAVES AT CAMINO TRES AVES
2. ALL PAD AND SLOPE AREAS TO BE PROTECTED FROM EROSION WITH BONDED FIBER MATRIX AND VEGETATION PER CD 24 B AND CD 25

SCALE: 1" = 100'



ATTACHMENT C

RELEVANT MONITORING DATA

(NOTE: PROVIDE RELEVANT WATER QUALITY MONITORING DATA IF AVAILABLE.)

NOT AVAILABLE

ATTACHMENT D

**LID AND TREATMENT BMP LOCATION MAP
(SEE ATTACHMENT B FOR MAP)**

ATTACHMENT E

TREATMENT BMP DATASHEET

(**NOTE:** POSSIBLE SOURCE FOR DATASHEETS CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.CABMPHANDBOOKS.COM. INCLUDE ENGINEERING CALCULATIONS FOR SIZING THE TREATMENT BMP.)

The site proposes bio-filters. These can be constructed to treat flow just prior to entering the creek. The water quality flow rate to be used for sizing is as follows:

Outfall	Tributary Area (acres)	Q_{wQ} (cfs)	V_{wQ} (ft ³)
West	1.25	$CIA = (0.32)(0.2)(1.25) = 0.1$	N/A
East	10.61	$CIA = (0.30)(0.2)(10.61) = 0.6$	N/A

Note: Q_{wQ} = runoff coefficient \times rainfall intensity (0.2 in/hr) \times tributary area = CIA
Use average runoff coefficient from drainage study
Tributary area reflects project footprint

The attached normal depth worksheet shows that a swale with a 3-foot bottom width, 4 to 1 (H:V) side slopes, and a 1 percent longitudinal slope can convey the greater of the flows (0.6 cfs) at a 0.4 feet depth.

Worksheet for Bio-Filter Swale

Project Description

Friction Method	Manning Formula
Solve For	Normal Depth

Input Data

Roughness Coefficient	0.200	
Channel Slope	0.01000	ft/ft
Left Side Slope	4.00	ft/ft (H:V)
Right Side Slope	4.00	ft/ft (H:V)
Bottom Width	3.00	ft
Discharge	0.60	ft ³ /s

Results

Normal Depth	0.40	ft
Flow Area	1.84	ft ²
Wetted Perimeter	6.29	ft
Hydraulic Radius	0.29	ft
Top Width	6.19	ft
Critical Depth	0.10	ft
Critical Slope	1.30569	ft/ft
Velocity	0.33	ft/s
Velocity Head	0.00	ft
Specific Energy	0.40	ft
Froude Number	0.11	
Flow Type	Subcritical	

GVF Input Data

Downstream Depth	0.00	ft
Length	0.00	ft
Number Of Steps	0	

GVF Output Data

Upstream Depth	0.00	ft
Profile Description		
Profile Headloss	0.00	ft
Downstream Velocity	Infinity	ft/s
Upstream Velocity	Infinity	ft/s
Normal Depth	0.40	ft
Critical Depth	0.10	ft
Channel Slope	0.01000	ft/ft



Design Considerations

- Tributary Area
- Area Required
- Slope
- Water Availability

Description

Vegetated swales are open, shallow channels with vegetation covering the side slopes and bottom that collect and slowly convey runoff flow to downstream discharge points. They are designed to treat runoff through filtering by the vegetation in the channel, filtering through a subsoil matrix, and/or infiltration into the underlying soils. Swales can be natural or manmade. They trap particulate pollutants (suspended solids and trace metals), promote infiltration, and reduce the flow velocity of stormwater runoff. Vegetated swales can serve as part of a stormwater drainage system and can replace curbs, gutters and storm sewer systems.

California Experience

Caltrans constructed and monitored six vegetated swales in southern California. These swales were generally effective in reducing the volume and mass of pollutants in runoff. Even in the areas where the annual rainfall was only about 10 inches/yr, the vegetation did not require additional irrigation. One factor that strongly affected performance was the presence of large numbers of gophers at most of the sites. The gophers created earthen mounds, destroyed vegetation, and generally reduced the effectiveness of the controls for TSS reduction.

Advantages

- If properly designed, vegetated, and operated, swales can serve as an aesthetic, potentially inexpensive urban development or roadway drainage conveyance measure with significant collateral water quality benefits.

Targeted Constituents

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sediment	▲
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nutrients	●
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trash	●
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Metals	▲
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bacteria	●
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Oil and Grease	▲
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Organics	▲

Legend (Removal Effectiveness)

- Low
- High
- ▲ Medium



- Roadside ditches should be regarded as significant potential swale/buffer strip sites and should be utilized for this purpose whenever possible.

Limitations

- Can be difficult to avoid channelization.
- May not be appropriate for industrial sites or locations where spills may occur
- Grassed swales cannot treat a very large drainage area. Large areas may be divided and treated using multiple swales.
- A thick vegetative cover is needed for these practices to function properly.
- They are impractical in areas with steep topography.
- They are not effective and may even erode when flow velocities are high, if the grass cover is not properly maintained.
- In some places, their use is restricted by law: many local municipalities require curb and gutter systems in residential areas.
- Swales are more susceptible to failure if not properly maintained than other treatment BMPs.

Design and Sizing Guidelines

- Flow rate based design determined by local requirements or sized so that 85% of the annual runoff volume is discharged at less than the design rainfall intensity.
- Swale should be designed so that the water level does not exceed 2/3rds the height of the grass or 4 inches, whichever is less, at the design treatment rate.
- Longitudinal slopes should not exceed 2.5%
- Trapezoidal channels are normally recommended but other configurations, such as parabolic, can also provide substantial water quality improvement and may be easier to mow than designs with sharp breaks in slope.
- Swales constructed in cut are preferred, or in fill areas that are far enough from an adjacent slope to minimize the potential for gopher damage. Do not use side slopes constructed of fill, which are prone to structural damage by gophers and other burrowing animals.
- A diverse selection of low growing, plants that thrive under the specific site, climatic, and watering conditions should be specified. Vegetation whose growing season corresponds to the wet season are preferred. Drought tolerant vegetation should be considered especially for swales that are not part of a regularly irrigated landscaped area.
- The width of the swale should be determined using Manning's Equation using a value of 0.25 for Manning's n.

Construction/Inspection Considerations

- Include directions in the specifications for use of appropriate fertilizer and soil amendments based on soil properties determined through testing and compared to the needs of the vegetation requirements.
- Install swales at the time of the year when there is a reasonable chance of successful establishment without irrigation; however, it is recognized that rainfall in a given year may not be sufficient and temporary irrigation may be used.
- If sod tiles must be used, they should be placed so that there are no gaps between the tiles; stagger the ends of the tiles to prevent the formation of channels along the swale or strip.
- Use a roller on the sod to ensure that no air pockets form between the sod and the soil.
- Where seeds are used, erosion controls will be necessary to protect seeds for at least 75 days after the first rainfall of the season.

Performance

The literature suggests that vegetated swales represent a practical and potentially effective technique for controlling urban runoff quality. While limited quantitative performance data exists for vegetated swales, it is known that check dams, slight slopes, permeable soils, dense grass cover, increased contact time, and small storm events all contribute to successful pollutant removal by the swale system. Factors decreasing the effectiveness of swales include compacted soils, short runoff contact time, large storm events, frozen ground, short grass heights, steep slopes, and high runoff velocities and discharge rates.

Conventional vegetated swale designs have achieved mixed results in removing particulate pollutants. A study performed by the Nationwide Urban Runoff Program (NURP) monitored three grass swales in the Washington, D.C., area and found no significant improvement in urban runoff quality for the pollutants analyzed. However, the weak performance of these swales was attributed to the high flow velocities in the swales, soil compaction, steep slopes, and short grass height.

Another project in Durham, NC, monitored the performance of a carefully designed artificial swale that received runoff from a commercial parking lot. The project tracked 11 storms and concluded that particulate concentrations of heavy metals (Cu, Pb, Zn, and Cd) were reduced by approximately 50 percent. However, the swale proved largely ineffective for removing soluble nutrients.

The effectiveness of vegetated swales can be enhanced by adding check dams at approximately 17 meter (50 foot) increments along their length (See Figure 1). These dams maximize the retention time within the swale, decrease flow velocities, and promote particulate settling. Finally, the incorporation of vegetated filter strips parallel to the top of the channel banks can help to treat sheet flows entering the swale.

Only 9 studies have been conducted on all grassed channels designed for water quality (Table 1). The data suggest relatively high removal rates for some pollutants, but negative removals for some bacteria, and fair performance for phosphorus.

Table 1 Grassed swale pollutant removal efficiency data

Removal Efficiencies (% Removal)							
Study	TSS	TP	TN	NO ₃	Metals	Bacteria	Type
Caltrans 2002	77	8	67	66	83-90	-33	dry swales
Goldberg 1993	67.8	4.5	-	31.4	42-62	-100	grassed channel
Seattle Metro and Washington Department of Ecology 1992	60	45	-	-25	2-16	-25	grassed channel
Seattle Metro and Washington Department of Ecology, 1992	83	29	-	-25	46-73	-25	grassed channel
Wang et al., 1981	80	-	-	-	70-80	-	dry swale
Dorman et al., 1989	98	18	-	45	37-81	-	dry swale
Harper, 1988	87	83	84	80	88-90	-	dry swale
Kercher et al., 1983	99	99	99	99	99	-	dry swale
Harper, 1988.	81	17	40	52	37-69	-	wet swale
Koon, 1995	67	39	-	9	-35 to 6	-	wet swale

While it is difficult to distinguish between different designs based on the small amount of available data, grassed channels generally have poorer removal rates than wet and dry swales, although some swales appear to export soluble phosphorus (Harper, 1988; Koon, 1995). It is not clear why swales export bacteria. One explanation is that bacteria thrive in the warm swale soils.

Siting Criteria

The suitability of a swale at a site will depend on land use, size of the area serviced, soil type, slope, imperviousness of the contributing watershed, and dimensions and slope of the swale system (Schueler et al., 1992). In general, swales can be used to serve areas of less than 10 acres, with slopes no greater than 5 %. Use of natural topographic lows is encouraged and natural drainage courses should be regarded as significant local resources to be kept in use (Young et al., 1996).

Selection Criteria (NCTCOG, 1993)

- Comparable performance to wet basins
- Limited to treating a few acres
- Availability of water during dry periods to maintain vegetation
- Sufficient available land area

Research in the Austin area indicates that vegetated controls are effective at removing pollutants even when dormant. Therefore, irrigation is not required to maintain growth during dry periods, but may be necessary only to prevent the vegetation from dying.

The topography of the site should permit the design of a channel with appropriate slope and cross-sectional area. Site topography may also dictate a need for additional structural controls. Recommendations for longitudinal slopes range between 2 and 6 percent. Flatter slopes can be used, if sufficient to provide adequate conveyance. Steep slopes increase flow velocity, decrease detention time, and may require energy dissipating and grade check. Steep slopes also can be managed using a series of check dams to terrace the swale and reduce the slope to within acceptable limits. The use of check dams with swales also promotes infiltration.

Additional Design Guidelines

Most of the design guidelines adopted for swale design specify a minimum hydraulic residence time of 9 minutes. This criterion is based on the results of a single study conducted in Seattle, Washington (Seattle Metro and Washington Department of Ecology, 1992), and is not well supported. Analysis of the data collected in that study indicates that pollutant removal at a residence time of 5 minutes was not significantly different, although there is more variability in that data. Therefore, additional research in the design criteria for swales is needed. Substantial pollutant removal has also been observed for vegetated controls designed solely for conveyance (Barrett et al, 1998); consequently, some flexibility in the design is warranted.

Many design guidelines recommend that grass be frequently mowed to maintain dense coverage near the ground surface. Recent research (Colwell et al., 2000) has shown mowing frequency or grass height has little or no effect on pollutant removal.

Summary of Design Recommendations

- 1) The swale should have a length that provides a minimum hydraulic residence time of at least 10 minutes. The maximum bottom width should not exceed 10 feet unless a dividing berm is provided. The depth of flow should not exceed 2/3rds the height of the grass at the peak of the water quality design storm intensity. The channel slope should not exceed 2.5%.
- 2) A design grass height of 6 inches is recommended.
- 3) Regardless of the recommended detention time, the swale should be not less than 100 feet in length.
- 4) The width of the swale should be determined using Manning's Equation, at the peak of the design storm, using a Manning's n of 0.25.
- 5) The swale can be sized as both a treatment facility for the design storm and as a conveyance system to pass the peak hydraulic flows of the 100-year storm if it is located "on-line." The side slopes should be no steeper than 3:1 (H:V).
- 6) Roadside ditches should be regarded as significant potential swale/buffer strip sites and should be utilized for this purpose whenever possible. If flow is to be introduced through curb cuts, place pavement slightly above the elevation of the vegetated areas. Curb cuts should be at least 12 inches wide to prevent clogging.
- 7) Swales must be vegetated in order to provide adequate treatment of runoff. It is important to maximize water contact with vegetation and the soil surface. For general purposes, select fine, close-growing, water-resistant grasses. If possible, divert runoff (other than necessary irrigation) during the period of vegetation

establishment. Where runoff diversion is not possible, cover graded and seeded areas with suitable erosion control materials.

Maintenance

The useful life of a vegetated swale system is directly proportional to its maintenance frequency. If properly designed and regularly maintained, vegetated swales can last indefinitely. The maintenance objectives for vegetated swale systems include keeping up the hydraulic and removal efficiency of the channel and maintaining a dense, healthy grass cover.

Maintenance activities should include periodic mowing (with grass never cut shorter than the design flow depth), weed control, watering during drought conditions, reseeding of bare areas, and clearing of debris and blockages. Cuttings should be removed from the channel and disposed in a local composting facility. Accumulated sediment should also be removed manually to avoid concentrated flows in the swale. The application of fertilizers and pesticides should be minimal.

Another aspect of a good maintenance plan is repairing damaged areas within a channel. For example, if the channel develops ruts or holes, it should be repaired utilizing a suitable soil that is properly tamped and seeded. The grass cover should be thick; if it is not, reseed as necessary. Any standing water removed during the maintenance operation must be disposed to a sanitary sewer at an approved discharge location. Residuals (e.g., silt, grass cuttings) must be disposed in accordance with local or State requirements. Maintenance of grassed swales mostly involves maintenance of the grass or wetland plant cover. Typical maintenance activities are summarized below:

- Inspect swales at least twice annually for erosion, damage to vegetation, and sediment and debris accumulation preferably at the end of the wet season to schedule summer maintenance and before major fall runoff to be sure the swale is ready for winter. However, additional inspection after periods of heavy runoff is desirable. The swale should be checked for debris and litter, and areas of sediment accumulation.
- Grass height and mowing frequency may not have a large impact on pollutant removal. Consequently, mowing may only be necessary once or twice a year for safety or aesthetics or to suppress weeds and woody vegetation.
- Trash tends to accumulate in swale areas, particularly along highways. The need for litter removal is determined through periodic inspection, but litter should always be removed prior to mowing.
- Sediment accumulating near culverts and in channels should be removed when it builds up to 75 mm (3 in.) at any spot, or covers vegetation.
- Regularly inspect swales for pools of standing water. Swales can become a nuisance due to mosquito breeding in standing water if obstructions develop (e.g. debris accumulation, invasive vegetation) and/or if proper drainage slopes are not implemented and maintained.

Cost

Construction Cost

Little data is available to estimate the difference in cost between various swale designs. One study (SWRPC, 1991) estimated the construction cost of grassed channels at approximately \$0.25 per ft². This price does not include design costs or contingencies. Brown and Schueler (1997) estimate these costs at approximately 32 percent of construction costs for most stormwater management practices. For swales, however, these costs would probably be significantly higher since the construction costs are so low compared with other practices. A more realistic estimate would be a total cost of approximately \$0.50 per ft², which compares favorably with other stormwater management practices.

Table 2 Swale Cost Estimate (SEWRPC, 1991)

Component	Unit	Extent	Unit Cost			Total Cost		
			Low	Moderate	High	Low	Moderate	High
Mobilization / Demobilization-Light	Swale	1	\$107	\$274	\$441	\$107	\$274	\$441
Site Preparation								
Clearing ^a	Acre	0.5	\$2,200	\$3,800	\$5,400	\$1,100	\$1,900	\$2,700
Grubbing ^a	Acre	0.25	\$3,800	\$5,200	\$6,600	\$950	\$1,300	\$1,650
General	Yd ³	372	\$2.10	\$3.70	\$5.30	\$781	\$1,376	\$1,972
Excavation ^a	Yd ²	1,210	\$0.20	\$0.35	\$0.50	\$242	\$424	\$605
Level and Till ^a								
Sites Development								
Salvaged Topsoil	Yd ²	1,210	\$0.40	\$1.00	\$1.60	\$484	\$1,210	\$1,936
Seed, and Mulch ^f ..	Yd ²	1,210	\$1.20	\$2.40	\$3.60	\$1,452	\$2,904	\$4,356
Sod ^g								
Subtotal	--	--	--	--	--	\$5,116	\$9,368	\$13,660
Contingencies	Swale	1	25%	25%	25%	\$1,279	\$2,347	\$3,415
Total	--	--	--	--	--	\$6,395	\$11,735	\$17,075

Source: (SEWRPC, 1991)

Note: Mobilization/demobilization refers to the organization and planning involved in establishing a vegetative swale.

^a Swale has a bottom width of 1.0 foot, a top width of 10 feet with 1:3 side slopes, and a 1,000-foot length.

^b Area cleared = (top width + 10 feet) x swale length.

^c Area grubbed = (top width x swale length).

^d Volume excavated = (0.67 x top width x swale depth) x swale length (parabolic cross-section).

^e Area tilled = (top width + $\frac{8(\text{swale depth}^2)}{3(\text{top width})}$) x swale length (parabolic cross-section).

^f Area seeded = area cleared x 0.5.

^g Area sodded = area cleared x 0.5.

Table 3 Estimated Maintenance Costs (SEWRPC, 1991)

Component	Unit Cost	Swale Size (Depth and Top Width)		Comment
		1.5 Foot Depth, One-Foot Bottom Width, 10-Foot Top Width	3-Foot Depth, 3-Foot Bottom Width, 21-Foot Top Width	
Lawn Mowing	\$0.85 / 1,000 ft ² / mowing	\$0.14 / linear foot	\$0.21 / linear foot	Lawn maintenance area=(top width + 10 feet) x length. Mow eight times per year
General Lawn Care	\$9.00 / 1,000 ft ² / year	\$0.18 / linear foot	\$0.28 / linear foot	Lawn maintenance area = (top width + 10 feet) x length
Swale Debris and Litter Removal	\$0.10 / linear foot / year	\$0.10 / linear foot	\$0.10 / linear foot	—
Grass Reseeding with Mulch and Fertilizer	\$0.30 / yd ²	\$0.01 / linear foot	\$0.01 / linear foot	Area revegetated equals 1% of lawn maintenance area per year
Program Administration and Swale Inspection	\$0.15 / linear foot / year, plus \$25 / inspection	\$0.15 / linear foot	\$0.15 / linear foot	Inspect four times per year
Total	--	\$0.58 / linear foot	\$ 0.75 / linear foot	--

Maintenance Cost

Caltrans (2002) estimated the expected annual maintenance cost for a swale with a tributary area of approximately 2 ha at approximately \$2,700. Since almost all maintenance consists of mowing, the cost is fundamentally a function of the mowing frequency. Unit costs developed by SEWRPC are shown in Table 3. In many cases vegetated channels would be used to convey runoff and would require periodic mowing as well, so there may be little additional cost for the water quality component. Since essentially all the activities are related to vegetation management, no special training is required for maintenance personnel.

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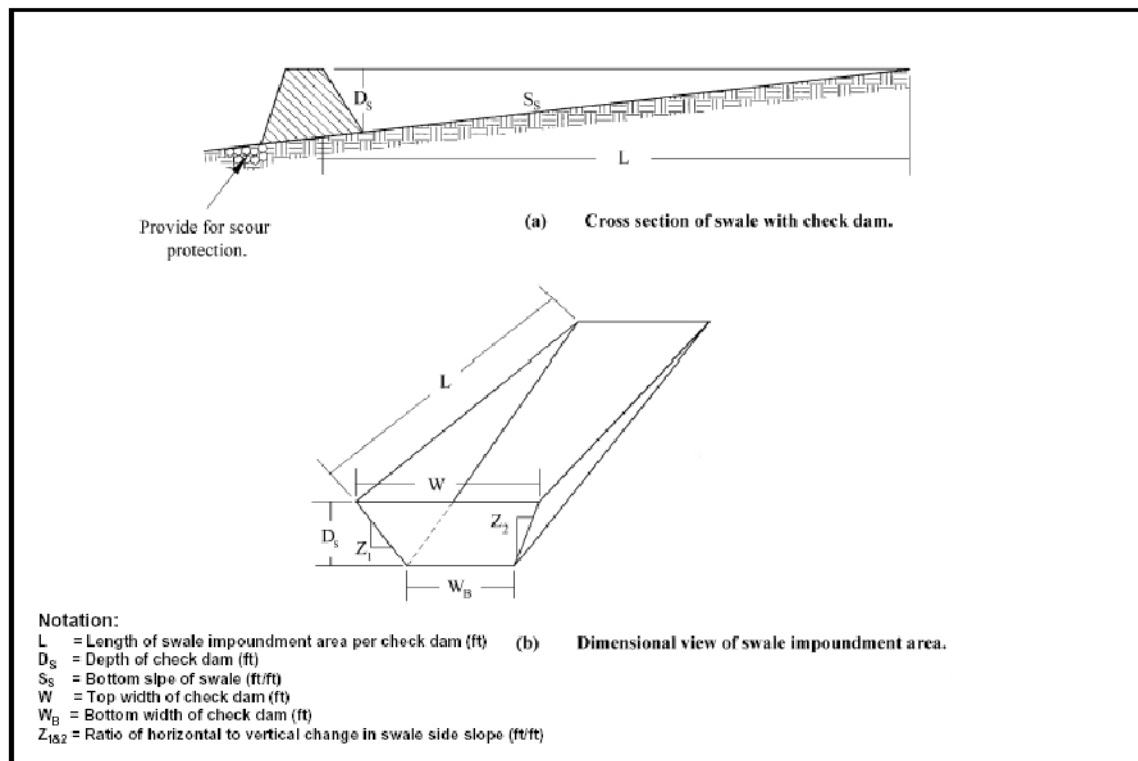
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Worksheet for Bio-Filter Swale

GVF Output Data

Critical Slope 1.30569 ft/ft

ATTACHMENT F

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR TREATMENT BMPS

*(NOTE: INFORMATION REGARDING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM
THE FOLLOWING WEB SITE:*

[HTTP://WWW.CO.SAN-DIEGO.CA.US/DPW/WATERSHEDS/LAND_DEV/SUSMP.HTML.](http://www.co.san-diego.ca.us/dpw/watersheds/land_dev/susmp.html))

Operation

Water quality runoff from the site will be treated by bio-filters. Bio-filters are vegetated channels or swales that receive directed flow. Pollutants are removed by filtration through the grass, sedimentation, adsorption to soil particles, and infiltration through soil.

Maintenance

The vegetation will be maintained and inspected on a weekly basis by landscape maintenance staff and will be replaced or replanted, as necessary, to maintain a dense, healthy cover. The vegetation will also be inspected prior to storm events. Maintenance shall include periodic mowing, weed control, irrigation, reseeding of bare areas, and clearing of debris and blockages. A design grass height of 6 inches is recommended. Grass clippings shall not be left in the swales.

ATTACHMENT G

FISCAL RESOURCES

The project and BMPs will be installed and maintained by the Applicant.

ATTACHMENT H

CERTIFICATION SHEET

This Stormwater Management Plan has been prepared under the direction of the following Registered Civil Engineer. The Registered Civil Engineer attests to the technical information contained herein and the engineering data upon which recommendations, conclusions, and decisions are based.



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Date

